

AUSTRIANS PRESS ON
IN NEW OFFENSIVESCapture Punta Gorda Defences
and Occupy Heights South
of Posina Torrent.

OSPEDALETTA ATTACKED

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

London, May 30.—The Austrians have crossed the Posina torrent west of Arterio and are now occupying the heights on the southern bank of the stream, according to the official statement issued by the Austrian War Office today. They also announce the taking of the fortifications of Punta Gorda.

There are indications that the Austrians are renewing their offensive in the Posina and upper Astico zones, and are showing great activity in the transportation of munitions to the Lagarina Valley and in the Paganella sector.

South of the Posina torrent the Austrians were repulsed in attacks in the regions of Sogli Campiglia and Monte Pratoro, after heavy fighting in the Fugana Valley the Austrians, advancing to the east, have begun the bombardment of Ospedaletto.

A small infantry attack undertaken by the Austrians in the Tofana zone, in the Val d'Ampezzo, was repulsed.

The Italian official statement issued tonight follows:

The situation is generally unchanged along the whole front, except at Posina and in the upper Astico zone, where there are signs of a new offensive on the part of the enemy.

In the Lagarina Valley and in the Paganella sector the enemy was extremely active transporting material. Our artillery interfered with this activity.

South of the Posina torrent the enemy, after intense artillery preparation, attacked in the directions of Sogli Campiglia and Monte Pratoro. After a bitter struggle our troops repulsed the enemy's attacks.

On the Asiago plateau and in the Fugana Valley only reconnoitering columns were active.

The enemy has begun the bombardment of Ospedaletto.

In the Tofana zone we repulsed a small infantry attack.

On the southern slopes of Monte San Michele (near the Tofana) our machine guns blew up a tract of enemy positions.

The Austrian official night report follows:

Yesterday the armored work of Punta Gorda fell into our hands.

West of Arterio we forced the crossing of the Posina brook and occupied the heights on the southern bank.

Four attacks on our positions south of Butals were repulsed.

RUSSIA HELPS ITALY.

New Offensive Against Austrian Lines Is Indicated.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

London, May 30.—An indication of a new Russian offensive against the Austrian lines in the southeastern part of the battle line in Russia, presumably with a view to preventing the Austrians from withdrawing troops to reinforce the offensive against the Italians, is contained in tonight's official report of the Vienna War Office.

Since the violent but fruitless great offensive in Bessarabia and Galicia at the beginning of the year, the Russians have been comparatively inactive along the whole front except in the Dniestr and Riga sections and around Lake Naroch, where they tried to pierce Von Hindenburg's centre.

Vienna reports to-night spirited artillery duels on the Bessarabia and Volynia fronts, where the Teuton lines are held almost exclusively by Austrians.

The statement follows:

There were lively artillery battles, especially in Bessarabia and Volynia. Otherwise no important incidents occurred.

The German War Office issued the following statement this afternoon concerning the operations in Russia:

South of Lipk some German detachments advanced across the Schara and destroyed a Russian blockhouse position.

Austrian Transport Torpedoed.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

Rome, May 30.—An official announcement was made today that an Italian torpedo boat had sunk a large Russian steamship in the harbor of Trieste, Austria, on the night of May 28.

HUNAN PROVINCE REVOLTS.

Some Districts That Have Risen Against Chinese Republic.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

Shanghai, May 30.—The inland province of Hunan proclaimed its independence of the Chinese Republic yesterday.

The declaration of independence of the province of Hunan follows that of practically all the southern provinces of China. The south China revolutionaries declare they will form a separate republic unless President Yuan Shih-kai resigns immediately.

They That Yuan Is Seriously Ill.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—The Chinese Legation denies the Tokyo report that Yuan Shih-kai is gravely ill.

MEAT RATION FOR BRITONS.

No Actual Shortage, but High Prices May Compel It.

LONDON, May 30.—It is possible that the people living in the British Isles will be put on a meat ration because of the high price of meat on account of the large amount required for the British army in France.

It is stated that there is no actual scarcity.

BIG AUSTRIAN ARMY IS
RUSHED TO VERDUN LINE

Germans Also Bringing Troops From Russia for Colossal Attack—Teutons Claim Gains on Front From Le Mort Homme to Cumieres.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

London, May 30.—The Crown Prince's army renewed its attack on the French lines from Le Mort Homme to Cumieres last night, as reports were received in Rotterdam of a decision by the Germans to use every resource to carry out the offensive against Verdun, which has been in progress since February 21. To this end, these reports say, Austrian troops variously estimated at from 60,000 to 120,000 men have been brought to the Verdun front, along with large numbers of German troops from the Eastern theatre of war.

The Rotterdam correspondent of the Daily News says that he has obtained reliable confirmation of the reported determination of the Germans "to further their frantic efforts to crush through" the French line at this point, and that a constant procession of men and artillery and ammunition are being concentrated in the Verdun area.

"All last week," he says, "there was a constant procession of men and artillery from the eastern front to the Crown Prince's army, and reinforcements are still coming to the west."

Among them is a large body of Austrians, estimated at the lowest figure as 60,000 men, while the highest estimate which dispatches from Vienna put upon the Austrian contingent sent to help the Germans as the price for German assistance and direction in the offensive against Italy is 120,000. With these and German drafts from the east the Crown Prince is credited with the intention of carrying out a tremendous bombardment, and, if necessary, paying whatever price the French demand in order to reach Verdun.

Germany's New Division.

The German attack on the French line from Le Mort Homme to Cumieres was renewed last night after a terrific bombardment. The Germans using a new division and making gains after repeated assaults. The French War Office confines these gains to the region of the Bois des Courtes, where, it says, the French were compelled to retire from some advanced positions to the south of the Bethincourt-Cumieres road. Repeated assaults against the French lines on the eastern slopes of Le Mort Homme and on the southern edge of the village of Cumieres were repulsed, according to the French communiqué.

The German War Office claims gains along the entire front from the southern ridge of Le Mort Homme to Cumieres, with the capture of 35 officers and 1,313 men.

The afternoon French communiqué is as follows:

On the left bank of the Meuse the bombardment continued yesterday evening with redoubled violence between Le Mort Homme and Cumieres. Shortly after this activity the enemy directed a very strong attack upon all our positions in this sector. In this fighting a new division, recently arrived on the scene, took part.

On our left all the results of the enemy upon the slopes to the east of Le Mort Homme, where our lines are established, were checked by our fire. Further to the east, in the vicinity of the Bois des Courtes, the enemy, after several fruitless endeavors in which he suffered heavy losses, compelled us to retire from some of our advanced positions to the south of the road between Bethincourt and Cumieres. The Germans on our right, in spite of repeated efforts, were not successful in driving us away from the southern boundaries of the village of Cumieres. The bombardment continued with intensity throughout the night.

On the right bank of the river there has been very spirited artillery fighting in the country to the west of Fort Douaumont.

The night passed in relative quiet on the remainder of the front.

An advance on the eastern bank of the Meuse, in the region of Thiaumont, also is announced by the German communiqué.

Germany's Claim Extensive Gains.

The statement issued by the German headquarters says:

Artillery duels are continuing along the front between La Bassee Canal and Arras. Lens again was bombarded. In the neighborhood of Souvigny (Artois district) and southeast of Tahure (Champagne) weak enemy advances failed.

There has been increased fighting activity between Hill 304 and the Meuse (Verdun front). South of the Corbeaux and Cumieres Woods we captured French positions along the entire extent between the southern ridge of Le Mort Homme and Cumieres village. Thirty-five officers, including several staff officers, and 1,313 wounded men were captured. Two counter attacks against Cumieres village were repulsed.

East of the Meuse we improved upon our newly captured line in the Thiaumont Wood. The advance was in the eastern portion of the wood. Here at times the fire on both sides reached the greatest violence.

Last night our aviators attacked with good results an enemy destroyer squadron off Ostend.

A British biplane crashed to earth after an aerial battle near St. Eloi and was destroyed by our artillery.

Only artillery fighting is reported today in the Verdun sector, the cannonade still maintaining its very violent character on the west bank of the river. The official communiqué issued by the French War Office to-night follows:

On the left bank of the Meuse there was a very violent bombardment in the region of Le Mort Homme and Cumieres.

There was a moderate amount of artillery action on the right bank and in the Woëvre.

There is nothing to report on the rest of the front.

GERMAN SHIPPING MEN

SEE BOOM AFTER WAR

Ballin Declares Present Conflict Most Idiotic of All Time.

HAMBURG, via London, May 30.—Belief in the greatness of the German mercantile marine after the successful termination of the war in spite of the economic conflict with the vessels of the Allies was expressed today by many prominent German capitalists and shipping men at a general meeting of the Voermann shipping company. Albert Ballin, director of the Hamburg-American Steamship Company, described the present conflict as the greatest, bloodiest and most idiotic war of all time. He predicted the eventual victory of Germany.

He warned the members that the competition at the end of the war would be sharp and the allied resources large. He asserted that the idea of the freedom of the seas must be firmly established that German shipping men need no longer be considered the "tenants of England."

The steamship director expressed his thanks to the Reichstag for its prompt action in recognizing the great importance of the reconstruction of the German mercantile marine and for the promised assistance of the Government.

That the belief is firmly held in Germany that there will be a boom in the shipping industry is shown by the fact that two of the greatest of Germany's coal and iron operators, August Thyssen and Hugo Stinnes, have entered the shipping field by obtaining interests in shipping lines. They are confident that capital placed in the German shipping industry will yield substantial profits.

It is said that Stinnes is already building a large number of big freight steamships in Germany, notwithstanding the very high cost of material and of labor. Several other steamship lines are increasing their capital and starting new vessels.

SUDAN SULTAN FLEES AEROS.

Escapes British and Crosses Desert With Only 300 Men.

LONDON, May 30.—Further details of the battle in the Sudan in which Col. Kelly defeated 2,000 tribesmen of the Sultan of Darfur are made public in an official statement issued today. The statement is as follows:

The completeness of the victory over the Sultan of Darfur on May 23, confirmed by a further telegram by the Sultan. All the Sultan's best troops and commanders were present at the battle. Most of the latter were accounted for or have since surrendered. The disarmament of the tribesmen is proceeding satisfactorily. Several thousand rifles and a large quantity of ammunition have already been gathered.

On the morning following the battle our aeroplanes threw bombs on a large body of men fleeing from El Fasher with Ali Dinar, the Sultan. The latter was last seen at the head of a following of only 300 men. He was facing a journey of one and a half days to a waterless desert to reach Gebel Marra.

British Tanker Lux in Collision.

PARIS, May 30.—A despatch from Bordeaux states that the British tanker Lux, which was bound for Genoa, was in collision at sea with the French steamship Malte. The tanker left New York on May 12 bound for Bordeaux.

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nounce Plan.

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London, May 30.—The Parliamentary correspondent of the Daily News writes: "Until an actual announcement is made of the settlement of the Irish controversy it would be rash to predict too confidently that the negotiations Lloyd George is conducting will be crowned with success, but there is reason for saying that the Ulster and Nationalist representatives have actually conferred and stated that the parties to the negotiations are very near a basis of agreement on the home rule question."

"Writing at the moment and of the moment, really hopeful views can be taken of the prospects of a settlement. It is not likely that there will be a debate on military measures in Ireland on the motion of adjournment of Parliament. Such a discussion would be far from helpful. Certainly the majority of the Nationalists do not wish to prejudice the negotiations by raising these questions although they feel deeply that a more lenient course in Ireland is imperative."

"What is now more likely is that Lloyd George on Thursday will give the House of Commons a preliminary statement forecasting an agreement."

2,000 REBELS HELD.

Every County in Ireland Affected.

Lists of Prisoners Show.

The Irish World publishes a list, occupying three pages, of the names and addresses of the men arrested in Ireland as a result of the recent rebellion. Nearly 2,000 are now imprisoned in English detention camps. They include Arthur Griffith, editor of Nationality; P. T. Daly, general secretary Gaelic League; Alderman Cole and other prominent men. The addresses show that the rising spread through every county in Ireland. Sixty-seven men have been sentenced to death by court-martial. Seventy-nine men got sentences of from one year to imprisonment for life.

The authorities have stated that two other men named McIntyre and Dixon were shot at Portlough Barracks with Sharps' Skinning. Lawrence Guinness, M. P., said in the House of Commons that fifty men were stood up against a wall and shot at that time and that their bodies were carted to Glasnevin cemetery and buried in one pile. "Coroner's inquests show, the Irish World declares, that many prisoners were murdered by the soldiers. Inquests have been held on men whose bodies were found in the streets of Dublin. The civilian casualties reported to the present are: Killed, 180; wounded, 604."

TURKS CLAIM SUCCESSES.

Report Capture of 24 Britons on the Mesopotamian Front.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 30.—The following statement was given out by army headquarters today:

Mesopotamia Front.—In the Felahia sector, on the right bank of the Tigris, our artillery silenced two guns of the enemy. In a surprise attack on the same bank we captured seventeen camels and twenty-four English mules.

Canadian Front.—On the right wing and in the centre there was patrol fighting and on the left wing skirmishes occurred. In the Smyrna sector our guns drove off three enemy armoured cars. Some enemy warships ineffectively shelled the hill west of Keles Island.

Watson Wins Newark Auto Race.

NEWARK, May 30.—Auto racing was inaugurated on the half mile earth track at Olympic Park this afternoon. Bert Watson, driving the J. J. B. special, owned by Joe Ryan of New York, covered the track in 38.25 seconds in the time trials, took the two Class E races at three miles and the Olympic trophy race at five miles. Bert Dickinson, of Sonerville, in a Stutz special, won the Australian pursuit at five miles and the tree for all at three miles.

SECRET GREEK-BULGAR
AGREEMENT REPORTEDRome Hears of Pact—Allied
Positions Bombarded
by Teutons.

PARIS, May 30.—A Rome despatch to the Morning states that the Bulgarian advance into Macedonia was made as the result of a secret agreement between the Greek and Bulgarian Governments, according to diplomatic sources in Rome.

Despatches from Athens state that the Greek-Bulgarian section is being lastly fortified by the Greeks in order to defend it from the invaders. It is reported that skirmishes between patrols have taken place in the Kildindirovo sector. The Bulgarians are continuing to concentrate troops.

According to advices from Salonica, the concentration is taking place at Nevolun, in Bulgaria, just across the border from Greece, and also at Zanthia. The Teutons on the Salonica front are bombarding the advanced positions of the Allies on the Vardar and the village of Kildindirovo.

GERMAN AFRICAN TOWN TAKEN

British Occupy Neulangenberg—Invest Nemenma Garrison.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

London, May 30.—The British force occupying Neulangenberg, thirty miles north of the frontier and about the same distance from the north end of Lake Nyassa, the same force has invested Nemenma, twenty-three miles east-northeast of Abercorn, just across the frontier and some 140 miles west of Neulangenberg.

The following official statement was issued by the War Office to-night:

Brigadier Northey telegraphs that his operations against Neulangenberg were successful. The enemy had been compelled to evacuate the town, which our troops occupied today, capturing large quantities of ammunition, food and stores of all kinds.

The enemy garrison holding Nemenma has been invested.

Six Weeks Rest for Nomenclan.

London, May 30.—The strain of his heavy duties has so affected Walter Nomenclan, president of the board of Trade, that he has been ordered to take a rest for six weeks.

THAW FOR LEGION OF HONOR.

Decorations Proposed for American Aviator With French.

William Thaw, the young American aviator who has been mentioned frequently in despatches for his work with the French flying corps, has been mentioned for the Legion of Honor. His mother, Mrs. Benjamin Thaw, of 400 Park avenue, received a cablegram from him yesterday in which he told her of this honor and also of his promotion to a first lieutenant in the corps. Thaw is now in Paris, resting after being wounded. The cable read:

"Promoted first lieutenant. May 28. Brought down two and was slightly wounded May 24. Last blow sustained by bullet. No danger. Proposed for Legion of Honor. Here about six weeks. Everything fine. Love."

Falling Awning Kills 4; Injures 15.

DALLAS, Tex., May 30.—Four people were killed and fifteen injured when an awning fell on a crowd that was watching a preparedness parade this afternoon.

STARS AND STRIPES
NOT FOR TRENCHES"American Legion" in Canada
Never Thought of It, Says
Lieut.-Col. McCormick.

CALLS STORY HERE FAKE

Toronto, May 30.—Lieut.-Col. Byron J. McCormick, officer commanding the 212th Battalion, an "American Legion" unit now being raised in Toronto, has issued a denial that the men of the legion are going to carry small American flags with them to fix on their bayonets and fly over the trenches they occupy. This story was published in New York a week ago and has been given wide publicity, exciting much comment in the United States.

Lieut.-Col. McCormick said: "I have the authority of Sir Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, to brand such a story as a fake. There never has been any intention to carry the American flag into the firing line and the statement was never made by the officer quoted, who immediately disclaimed its truth from the news-paper publishing the original yarn."

"The battalions which have been dubbed the American Legion are those composed of British Americans, who of course hailed originally from the United States. A good many Americans have come over and joined them, but they have come of their own free will, without invitation or any sort of advertising being done in the United States."

"Our organizations have studiously avoided violating American neutrality in any way and it is absurd to think that we would for an instant sanction such a violation of neutrality as taking the American flag into the trenches when we are fighting the enemy. The world are upon us now and of course efforts are sometimes made to discredit us and make trouble in every way."

"We are not carrying American flags to the front, but we are carrying in our hearts the American ideal of liberty, of protecting the weak from the tyranny of the strong. Liberty is the very foundation of Americanism, and that is what we are fighting for today."

"Incidentally we are cultivating the friendship of Canada for the United States, and the whole world is coming to realize that on the American continent are two nations, the United States and Canada, who both stand for the highest ideals of national life."

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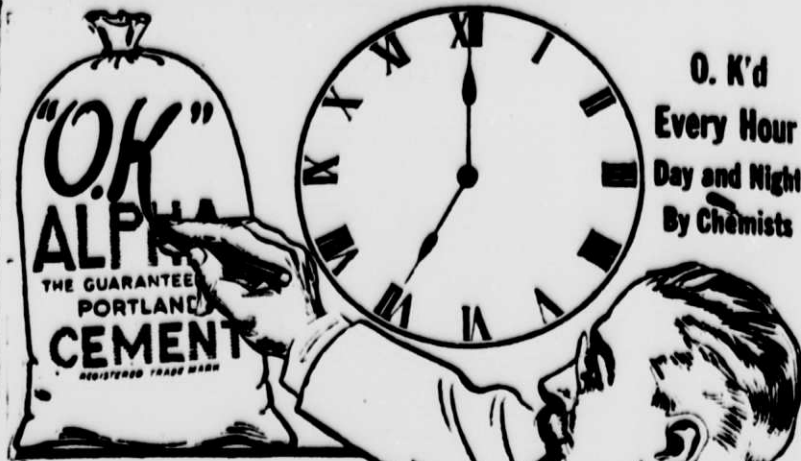
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